

**TUSCARORA/SIX NATIONS CHIEFS' NC LAND GRANT RECORDS:
THE TRIBAL MIGRATION FROM BERTIE COUNTY TO BLADEN COUNTY, NC**

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Name of Tuscarora Chief	County	Issued	Entered	Acres	Location	#File No.	Bk/Pg.
James Blunt¹²	Bladen		1753			NC Gov.	
James Blunt	Bladen	1757-09	1756	150	On the Back Swamp	0242 Grant #226	
James Blount	Bladen	1769-05 -04	1767-10- 4	500	On Flowers Swamp west of Drowning Creek	1884 Grant #39 Entry No: 77	Book 20 Page 424
William Pugh	Edgeco mbe	1745-06 -26	1745	1042	On S. side of Tar River	034	
William Pugh	Bladen	1753-05 -09	1753	250	South side Drowning Creek	0734 Entry #68 Grant #237	Book 2 Page 48-49

¹ The Tuscarora Chief James Blunt has surname variants in the land grants indicated in colonial Tuscarora land records and petitions before the NC General Assembly to include the NC Governor's records. Chief James Blunt's last name has been historically acknowledged as both one in the same "Blount and Blunt" throughout the course of him being the Tuscarora Chief during the colonial time period.

² Tuscarora Nation Land Acknowledgment from Bertie County to Bladen County (Robeson), North Carolina. Evidence of Tribal Migration of Tuscarora Chiefs confirmed in the 1766 Tuscarora Land Leases before the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor William Tryon.

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William Pugh³	Bladen	1753-05 -09		500	In the fork of Saddle tree swamp on E. side Drowning creek	415 Grant #238	Book 2 Page 49
Wm Pugh	Bladen	1753-05 -09	State Auditor Office and Gov. Matt Rowan NC State Files	500	In the fork of saddletree swamp on E. side of Drowning Creek beginning at a sweet gum in the fork	1125 Grant #238	Book 10 Page 366
William Pugh	Cumberl and	1755-03 -31		50	On Cross Creek	2 Grant #137	Book 2 Page 121
William Pugh	Cumberl and	1755-03 -31		50	Begins at a Pine in <i>John Pugh's</i> line	365	Book 16 Page 13

³ See 1766 Acts of the North Carolina General Assembly, 1766 Tuscarora Land Leases. North Carolina. General Assembly. November 03, 1766 - December 02, 1766. Volume 25, Pages 494-509. *See Six Nations Chiefs and Tuscarora Chiefs. CHAPTER XXIX. Page 507-510. Colonial and State Records of North Carolina. See <https://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/index.php/document/csr25-0049>. NC State Archives.*

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John Blount	Bladen	1769-05 -04	1768-04- 26	290	On the Five Mile Branch of Saddle Tree⁴	1890 Grant #219 Entry No: 1	Book 20 Page 457
Samuel Bridges	Edgeco mbe	1756-05 -07		427	On both sides Swift Creek	1018	
Samuel Bridges	Edgeco mbe	1761-10 -15		630	Beginning at a white oak	1050	
Samuel Bridges	Bladen	1779-11- 11	Feb. 10, 1778 Entry No: 541778	400	On the Wt. side of Drowning Creek and on both sides of Poley Bridge Branch	3156 Grant #204	Book 34 Page 361
Samuel Bridgers	Robeson	1796-12 -20	1794	100	East of Aaron Swamp	1468	Book 91 Page 479

⁴ In 1767, Tuscarora Chief John Blunt petitioned the NC Governors' Court of Public land Claims to get the Tuscarora Chief William Pugh's land on Five and Seven Mile Branch of Saddle Tree which is the present day Lumberton, NC right off Highway 95. Chief John Blunt had intimate knowledge and location of Chief William Pugh's land in Saddle Tree in order for him to file a petition before the Court of Public Land Claims which was granted to the Tuscarora Chief John Blunt, son of Chief James Blount.

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Samuel Bridgers	Robeson	1797-08 -19	1794	100	Between Aaron Swamp and Horse Swamp	1776	
Samuel Bridgers	Bladen	1784-11- 07	1779-03- 10⁵	240	On Aarons Swamp	4018 Grant #879	Book 69 Page 39
Samuel Bridgers	Robeson	1791-12 -20	1789	100	E. of Ashpole	485	
Samuel Bridgers	Robeson	1795-09 -18	1793	200	On W. side of Aaron Swamp	1443	
Samuel Bridgers	Robeson	1796-12 -20	1794	100	East of Aaron Swamp	1468	

⁵ The Tuscarora Chief Samuel Bridgers left Bertie County after he signed his last Tuscarora land lease documents in the years of 1775 August Court – Deed Book: M; Page: 317/318, and May Court 1777, according to the Bertie County Register of Deeds Book:M; Pg:296-(314);298-(316). Chief Bridgers never returned back to Bertie County after he tribally migrated to Bladen County, North Carolina which is now in part Robeson County. Chief Bridgers' land is still currently owned by his Tuscarora tribal descendants located in the present day Rowland and Fairmont location next to Pembroke, North Carolina.